Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
11/06/17	Special Operations Division / S.E.B.	☐	☑

Incident Information

URN:	Date:	Time:
017-17068-2136-013	11/02/17	1630

City or Station: Compton

Location: [redacted] Shauer Street Compton 90222

Nature of Incident: The suspect fired at deputies while they were conducting an unrelated traffic stop. Upon locating the suspect, a deputy involved shooting occurred with the Special Enforcement Bureau.

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☑ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other: Side Yard

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☑ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☐ Clear
- ☑ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 35 ft

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 3

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 1

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☑ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☑ Canine Unit? ☑

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Edwards	Darell	A	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Robert	William	H	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Swanson	Lawrence	E	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*):
[redacted]	Eric	Lee	R.	☑ On Duty ☑ Present during shooting ☑ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	[redacted]			☑ On Duty ☑ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	CAIN	PAULETTE	M.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	WALKER	CRAIG	S.

PSTD Use Only

SH # ________________

See Reverse

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
11/02/17	1900 hours		

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Carr	Jeremy	M.
[redacted]	Hoyt	Jonahtan	K.
[redacted]	Dinh	Minh	G.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	FR	ZZ	23	N	N	NN	NN
E1	S1	FR	CO	23	Y	Y	DH	HE
E1	S1	FR	CO	23	Y	Y	DH	AD

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 017-17068-2136-013

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Rodriguez	First Name: Juan	M.I.: P.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: B-1	Unit Assignment: S.E.B.	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Red Team
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 4-6	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 602 Weight: 240			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? ☑ Number of Prior Shootings: 3 Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Colt Caliber: .223 # Shots: 3	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		M.I.

E __

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height: Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height: Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 017-17068-2136-013

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Cendejas		First Name: Ricardo	M.I. D.
AKA Last Name: Cendejas		First Name: Richardo	M.I. D
Sex: M Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 20 D.O.B. 01/27/97	Height: 509 Weight: 140	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge: N/A	Secondary Charge: N/A	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2017-08117	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: None
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☑	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: N/A Model: Year:	Parole: No	Probation: Yes	Prior Felony Conviction: Yes

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]		1718 W. 162ND STREET, GARDENA	90247	310-217-9600	
[redacted]	[redacted]		1718 W. 162ND STREET, GARDENA	90247	310-217-9600	
[redacted]	[redacted]		1718 W. 162ND STREET, GARDENA	90247	310-217-9600	
[redacted]			[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]			
[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]			
[redacted]			[redacted]			
[redacted]			[redacted]			
[redacted]			[redacted]			
[redacted]			[redacted]			
[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]			[redacted]
[redacted]			[redacted]			[redacted]

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
ALDAMA	SAMUEL	NMN	301 S. WILLOWBROOK AVENUE, COMPTON	90220	310-605-6500	
CUEVAS	EDGAR	S.	301 S. WILLOWBROOK AVENUE, COMPTON	90220	310-605-6500	
ABBOTT	ROLAND	G.	3235 LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD, LONG BEACH	90808	562-421-2701	
BURAKOWSKI	SUSANNE	M.	1060 N. EASTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES	90063	323-881-7800	
EDWARDS	DARELL	A.	1060 N. EASTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES		323-881-7800	
[redacted]			1060 N. EASTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES	90063	323-881-7800	
COOK	JOHN	A.	1060 N. EASTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES	90063	323-881-7800	
LEE	ERIC	R.	1060 N. EASTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES	90063	323-881-7800	
SWANSON	LAWRENCE	E.	1060 N. EASTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES	90063	323-881-7800	
AMANN	JAMES	I.	1060 N. EASTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES	90063	323-881-7800	
ROBERT	WILLIAM	H.	1060 N. EASTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES	90063	323-881-7800	

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Deceased**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2439504**
URN#:	**017-17068-2136-013**
DATE/TIME:	**November 2, 2017 / 1630 Hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **East Shauer Street, Compton**

SYNOPSIS

On November 2, 2017, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators Sergeants Jeremy Carr, Jonathan Hoyt, and Lieutenant Minh Dinh, responded to the unincorporated Los Angeles County area of Compton regarding an on-duty deputy involved hit shooting. IAB Sergeant Benjamin Grubb was assigned the administrative review of the incident on May 11, 2020.

IAB Lieutenant Dinh checked to see the Incident Commander, Lieutenant Susanne Burakowski, took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved parties and witnesses did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Lieutenant Dinh also checked with Lieutenant Burakowski that the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, Lieutenant Dinh checked to see if Lieutenant Burakowski attempted to have the involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor, until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

The shooting incident was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Homicide Bureau. The results of their investigation were documented in the Homicide Case Book, under URN 017-17068-2136-013 **[EXHIBIT A]**.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The shooting incident was reviewed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice System Integrity Division (JSID). In their letter of opinion, dated August 20, 2019, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded there was insufficient evidence to prove the decision by Deputy Juan

Rodriguez to use deadly force was unreasonable, and closed their file, with no further action to be taken **[EXHIBIT B]**.

SUMMARY

On November 2, 2017, at approximately 2:36 PM, Witness [redacted] called 9-1-1 to report a male pedestrian pointed a gun at her as she drove by him in the area of West Cressey Street and North Oleander Avenue in Compton. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic, wearing no shirt and brown shorts. Witness [redacted] was non-desirous of making contact with responding deputies. Refer to 9-1-1 call **[Exhibit C – 911 Call (1), audio mark 00:21-06:03 and Call (2), audio mark 00:05-02:05]**.

An emergency call of an assault with a deadly weapon, man with a gun was dispatched, Compton Station Incident number CPT17306-0180 **[EXHIBIT A, page 35].**

Deputies Samuel Aldama, #[redacted] and Edgar Cuevas, #[redacted] assigned to Unit 287D in a marked LASD patrol vehicle, responded to the call to assist the handling deputies. After the deputies were unsuccessful in locating the suspect, Deputies Aldama and Cuevas remained in the area of Cressey Street and Oleander Avenue. They subsequently conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle, unrelated to the call for service, near the intersection of South Aranbe Avenue and East Lucien Street.

As they placed a detainee from the traffic stop into the rear of the patrol car, Deputy Cuevas saw a male, later identified as the Suspect Ricardo Cendejas. The suspect had long curly hair and was shirtless as he walked toward deputies, westbound on East Lucien Street. The suspect disappeared southbound near the driveway of [redacted] which was on the south side of the street approximately two properties west of Deputy Cuevas.

As Deputies Aldama and Cuevas conducted their traffic stop investigation, they heard a single, loud gunshot. Deputy Cuevas saw "something pass through the leaves" of a tree on [redacted] He felt the compression of the gunshot go off in the vicinity of their traffic stop. Deputy Cuevas concluded the shot originated from where he had seen the suspect earlier, in the direction of [redacted] **[Deputy Cuevas' homicide transcript, pages 9-10]**. Deputy Cuevas broadcasted over the radio they were fired upon, and described the direction and house he believed the shot had originated from on East Lucien Street. The broadcast on the radio was at 2:58 PM **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic Dispatch 9 (1), audio mark 00:13 - 00:44]**.

> **IAB Note: Dispatch 9 is the assigned primary radio channel for Compton and Century Station.**

Shortly after the shooting, a resident at [redacted] called 9-1-1 to report that he had heard the gunshot. He said his neighbor, later identified as the suspect, had walked around his house armed with a "black shotgun" **[EXHIBIT C – 911 Call (3), audio mark 00:17-15:58]**. [redacted] described the suspect as a shirtless male with long black hair. He also described the house the suspect entered, [redacted] He was non-desirous of making contact with the responding deputies.

Based on the radio traffic, Aero Bureau, which consisted of Pilot Deputy Ken Dailey and Tactical Flight Observer Deputy Roland Abbott, responded. They arrived within two minutes and assisted the handling unit set up a containment of the streets surrounding East Lucien Street.

The [redacted] of the suspect, Witness [redacted] arrived home with the suspect's [redacted] Witness [redacted] and other [redacted] members. The [redacted] family quickly learned the suspect was inside the house armed with a weapon, so they retreated to the deputies on the containment. The family was later escorted to the command post (CP) for resource information.

Support personnel, which included Gardena Police Department (GPD) and Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB), responded to the command post at Gonzales Park, located at 1101 West Cressey Street in the city of Compton. GPD arrived with an armored vehicle.

While at the command post, SEB team members were led by Lieutenant Susanne Burakowski. The SEB armored vehicle had not yet arrived. The SEB team formulated a plan to contain the suspect and utilized GPD's armored vehicle as cover to approach the house.

Lieutenant Burakowski remained at the command post. SEB team members and GPD Officers in the armored vehicle left the command post and reconvened near the corner of South Aranbe Avenue and East Lucien Street. Lieutenant Burakowski accessed an observation tool, the "downlink monitor" to view video transmitted from the helicopter. She watched the monitor as the SEB arrest team moved into place.

IAB Note: **The downlink monitor, also known as the Airborne Video Downlink System (AVDS) is an aerial-based video transmission system that delivers near real-time surveillance video from department aircraft to a display screen for command center personnel on the ground. It does not record the footage, and there is no audio.**

The SEB team walked eastbound on East Lucien Street, while they were positioned along the north side of the slow moving armored vehicle. They stopped in front of [redacted] which was on the south side of the

street. Public address announcements were made by Aero Bureau, which ordered the suspect, by name, to exit and surrender to deputies.

Moments later, the suspect was seen by Aero Bureau and the news media helicopters in the rear yard of [redacted] The suspect walked southbound toward the rear wall and scaled it into the rear yard of [redacted] East Shauer Street. The movement was communicated to ground units, which included information the suspect appeared to be holding a rifle **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 44:23-44:38 and EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos KTLA video mark 01:17-01:25]**.

After they learned the houses that surrounded [redacted] East Shauer Street had not been evacuated, the SEB team developed a contingency plan. Lieutenant Burakowski feared an active shooter situation could develop with a moving suspect armed with a long rifle. Their goal was to stop the suspect's movement and protect both the occupants of the surrounding houses and uniformed patrol deputies on containment positions **[Lieutenant Burakowski's IAB transcript, page 10]**. SEB team members split their resources and sent a small team from East Lucien Street to East Shauer Street to contain the threat of the suspect on that street.

Deputy Abbott, from Aero Bureau, continued to provide radio updates to describe the armed suspect's movement. From the downlink monitor, Lieutenant Burakowski saw the suspect as he walked alongside the exterior eastern wall of the house at [redacted] East Shauer Street. Deputy Abbott saw and transmitted the suspect's actions over the radio to the SEB team. He described the suspect as he looked into the opened east facing window of the house. He appeared to talk to someone inside **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 46:25-46:40 and EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos KTLA video mark 01:28-01:34]**.

It appeared to both Deputy Abbott and Lieutenant Burakowski the suspect tried to get into the house through an opened window. It was also evident to them the house was occupied, and the occupants were in danger **[Lieutenant Burakowski's IAB transcript, pages 10-11 and Deputy Abbott's IAB transcript, pages 9-10]**.

A resident of the house, Witness [redacted] heard the suspect's voice through her opened bedroom window. She did not recognize the suspect's voice and could not see him because the blinds were closed. The suspect asked her to let him in the house, and when she refused, the suspect told her not to report him to police **[Witness [redacted] homicide transcript, pages 9-10]**.

Lieutenant Burakowski watched the suspect's erratic movements as he walked back and forth along the eastern wall of the house. The suspect's movements varied between crouching, standing, and walking near the wall. At one point, the

suspect placed the rifle up against the wall, called a dog over to him, and then picked the rifle back up.

Approximately four minutes prior to the shooting, SEB team member Sergeant Eric Lee radioed SEB Lieutenant Burakowski and advised the team's plan to reposition the armored vehicle to the suspect's location on East Shauer Street. Lieutenant Burakowski acknowledged Sergeant Lee and replied the suspect was located at the second house down from South Aranbe Avenue. She added that the suspect was crouched down with the rifle at his feet and not in his hands **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 50:04-50:30]**.

> **IAB Note: When the above radio transmission was made by Lieutenant Burakowski, SEB team members were still moving into position on East Shauer Street.**

The team reconvened on South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street. Approximately two minutes prior to the shooting, Deputy Swanson radioed to the GPD officers. He requested them to drive the armored vehicle around to the SEB team's location **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 52:01-52:12]**.

The armored vehicle arrived at South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street. The first SEB team member to arrive at the corner, Deputy Juan Rodriguez, had maintained visual contact with the corner of the house on East Shauer Street where the suspect was positioned. Deputy Rodriguez was tasked as the designated shooter for the team as they began to walk eastbound on East Shauer Street toward the suspect **[Deputy Rodriguez' IAB transcript, pages 8-9]**. The SEB team utilized the armored vehicle as cover, and walked along the southern, passenger side of the armored vehicle.

SEB team approached the suspect's location on East Shauer Street. The armored vehicle was driven by Gardena police officers. Due to radio frequency incompatibility, GPD Officer [redacted] left the vehicle door cracked open to speak with SEB Deputy William Robert, who walked near the passenger side door. Deputy Robert relayed speed and directional instructions for the driver. Sergeant Lee and Deputy Rodriguez were positioned near the front hood of the armored vehicle with SEB Deputy Darell Edwards.

At approximately 4:26 P.M., the armored vehicle approached a position where the southeast portion of the house came into view for Deputy Rodriguez. He stood near the front hood of the armored vehicle as the vehicle stopped. Simultaneously, Deputy Rodriguez saw the left portion of the suspect's body; however, his right side was initially hidden by the corner of the house. The suspect walked south toward Deputy Rodriguez, turned his body, and leaned his right arm near the wall and gas meter. It appeared the suspect either retrieved or

reached for the rifle and turned toward the corner of the house **[Deputy Rodriguez' homicide transcripts, part 1, page 13]**.

Deputy Rodriguez feared the suspect was armed with an assault rifle as he walked toward the house, which he knew was occupied. Deputy Rodriguez felt him, his team, the residents of the house, and the un-evacuated residents of East Shauer Street were in immediate danger. As he stood approximately 35 feet away from the suspect, Deputy Rodriguez fired three shots **[Deputy Rodriguez' homicide transcripts, part 1, page 14 and Deputy Rodriguez' IAB transcript, pages 11-12]**.

The suspect fell forward chest down, and the firearm was beneath his body, between the wall of the house and the ground.

SEB Sergeant [redacted] broadcasted over the radio that a deputy involved shooting occurred, "suspect down" **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 54:25-54:32]**. The shooting was captured by the news media helicopter overhead **[EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos KTLA video mark 01:34].**

Before they approached the suspect, SEB team members assessed whether the suspect was critically injured, or if he was still a threat to shoot them based on the proximity and position of the assault rifle.

SEB team members formulated a plan to throw a flash bang grenade near the suspect to see if he would react to the explosion. Sergeant Lee directed Deputy Edwards to throw a flash bang grenade toward the suspect. The flash bang grenade exploded approximately two feet from the suspect, who did not react to the sound.

> **IAB Note:** **A flash bang grenade is a noise flash diversionary device which explodes with a loud noise and bright flash designed to disorient subjects but does not disperse projectiles.**

SEB team members approached the suspect, removed, and secured the rifle. Deputies Edwards and Lawrence Swanson began to perform CPR on the suspect. They performed CPR for several minutes before they were relieved by Emergency Services Detail (ESD) personnel. The suspect was transported to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Juan Rodriguez, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff

Work History

Special Enforcement Bureau: 4/01/12
Date of Employment: 1/17/02
Date Assigned to Patrol/Century Station: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting incident(s): 3
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

Equipment Worn on Person

Pouch with two ammunition magazines
Radio
Flash bang device
First aid kit
Smith and Wesson M&P, 9mm handgun
Colt M4 rifle

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Ricardo Dimitri Cendejas (deceased)
Male, Hispanic, DOB: January 27, 1997; 5'07" 140 pounds
[redacted]
FBI # [redacted] CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect Cendejas had [redacted] Suspect Cendejas' Consolidated Criminal History Report is included in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 115-139]**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Cendejas sustained one gunshot wound to the left abdomen and one gunshot wound to the right temple **[EXHIBIT A, pages 140-162]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INJURIES

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence located at the scene was identified and collected under the direction of Homicide Investigators **[EXHIBIT A, pages 71-85]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Investigators, Sergeant John O'Brien # [redacted] and Sergeant Domenick Recchia, # [redacted] **[EXHIBIT A,**

pages 38-60]. The crime scene was photographed by Forensic Identification Specialist Donna Thomas, #[redacted] of the Scientific Services Bureau **[EXHIBIT A, pages 78-80]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Rodriguez fired three rounds of Department issued .223 caliber ammunition from his Department issued Colt, M4 rifle. Two bullet impact wounds were identified during the autopsy of the suspect. The third round was unaccounted for. The weapon was examined by Senior Criminalist Marco Iezza of the Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, pages 81-82]**.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT CENDEJAS

Suspect Cendejas possessed an unbranded, un-serialized AR-15 type rifle, loaded with 27 live .223 rounds within a 30 round magazine **[EXHIBIT A, page 165]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION/CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the shooting was handled by Homicide Bureau Sergeants John O'Brien #[redacted] and Domenick Recchia, #[redacted] No charges were filed because the suspect was deceased.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during daylight at 1630 hours. The weather was overcast and cool.

RADIO TRANSMISSION

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communications Center's (SCC) radio traffic associated with the incident **[Exhibit D]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

Radio traffic – Dispatch 9

Actual Time	Audio Time	Description
2:58	00:13	287D requested the patch for 10-33 (emergent) radio traffic.

	00:16	SCC replied, "10-33 go, you are on the patch."
	00:18	287D advised he had "taken a round" at their location, and was "pinned down."
	00:34	SCC replied, "287D copy, you took a round. Aero is responding. What was the cross on Aranbe?"
	00:40	287D clarified their location, and where the shots came from, "south side of the street, second house into the street on Lucien."
	00:47	Aero replied, "patch-in Century" (To link in Century station to the radio channel).
	00:49	287D requested units to contain the surrounding streets, and advised the shot "sounded like a rifle."
3:15	18:07	287D advised units to switch to ATAC-4

Radio traffic – A-Tac-4

Actual Time	Audio Time	Description
4:13	41:38	Aero advised the suspect was in the rear yard of Lucien Street location.
	41:57	Sgt. Lee requested Aero to conduct voice commands via their PA system for the suspect to surrender.
4:17	44:19	Aero advised the suspect was seen in the rear yard of the Lucien Street location.
	44:23	Aero advised the suspect climbed the wall onto a Shauer street property. Aero stated the suspect was armed with a rifle, and positioned near the east side of the house on Shauer Street.

4:18	46:25	Aero advised the suspect looked into the house window on the east side of the Shauer Street location.
4:19	46:53	Aero advised the suspect was still armed with a black rifle in his hand, and was "posted" on the east side of the house by the driveway, and for deputies to "be cautious."
4:21	50:04	Sgt. Lee advised Lt. Burakowski of their plan to reposition themselves, and they would travel eastbound on Shauer Street behind the armored vehicle. Lt. Burakowski acknowledged, and replied, that the suspect was crouched at the southeast corner of the house, and had placed the weapon at his feet.
4:22	51:05	Aero advised they saw movement inside the house. Aero broadcast there were residents in the house at the Shauer Street location.
4:23	52:01	Deputy Swanson requested Gardena Police to drive the armored vehicle to Shauer Street. Gardena police acknowledged.
4:25	54:08	Aero advised the suspect looked in the house window, and walked back toward the front of the house.
	54:25	"Shots fired, suspect down" radio traffic broadcast by Sgt. [redacted]
4:27	55:40	Sgt. Lee advised Lt. Burakowski they deployed a flash bang grenade saw no reaction from the suspect, and intended to approach him.
4:28	56:19	Sgt. Lee requested emergency medical aid to respond and gave the address.

4:29	57:10	Sgt. Lee gave the address to the command post for the rescue response. Lt. Burakowski acknowledged and replied that, "fire is just leaving the CP now."
4:30	58:17	Sgt. Lee advised Lt. Burakowski they administered CPR.
4:31	59:08	Sgt. Lee advised Lt. Burakowski that ESD personnel were present, and about to takeover CPR to the suspect.

VIDEO FOOTAGE

IAB investigators review video footage associated with the incident. Video footage from three different news stations (KTLA, KCAL, KTTV) were retrieved **[EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos].**

IAB NOTE: Due to the edited footage of the news media video, the time frames below reflect video timelines, and not the actual time of the incident.

News Media Videos

News Media Videos (KTLA)

Video Time	Description
01:17	Suspect in a yard with a firearm, as he scaled a wall.
01:24	Suspect near the window at [redacted] East Shauer Street.
01:30	SEB team were behind the armored vehicle as they approached the suspect's location at [redacted] East Shauer Street.
01:34	Suspect fell forward at the waist.
01:37	SEB team threw a flash bang grenade. The footage depicted a censored image of the suspect.

News Media Videos (KCAL)

Video Time	Description
00:10	Suspect approached the SEB team with a firearm.

News Media Videos (KTTV)

Video Time	Description
01:29	SEB team threw a flash bang grenade.
05:02	SEB performed CPR on the suspect

Reference Photos

A series of photos (labeled 1-4), depicting the incident was provided to employee witnesses for reference during IAB interviews **[EXHIBIT F]**:

- Photo 1: Google map of the location.
- Photo 2: Screenshot photo of SEB Deputies positioned at [redacted] (taken from ABC 7 news media footage).
- Photo 3: Screenshot photo of suspect reacting to gunshots (taken from KTLA 5 news media footage).
- Photo 4: Screenshot photo of SEB Deputies positioned behind the ARMORED VEHICLE in at [redacted] East Shauer Street (taken from KCAL 9 news media footage).

STATEMENTS

The following interviews were recorded and transcribed. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions. The following narrative contains summaries of each interview:

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Deputy Juan Rodriguez

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Rodriguez was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Dominick Recchia and John O'Brien. On December 7, 2017, after a KTLA news media video **[EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos]** was available, Sergeants Recchia and O'Brien gave Deputy Rodriguez an opportunity to review it, and re-interviewed him. On July 16, 2020, Deputy Rodriguez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Benjamin Grubb and Luan Dang. During the IAB interview, he elected not to have representation present. Deputy Rodriguez was provided four

aerial photographs of the location for reference. The photographs were individually marked as #1 through #4 **[EXHIBIT F – Reference Photos].** He was also shown media coverage videos that depicted the scene at the time of the incident **[EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos].**

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Rodriguez was a "Red Team" member with "4th man" duties assigned to SEB.

> **IAB NOTE:** The "4th Man" on the entry team within SEB Red Team consists of gathering intelligence from the command post and other sources for tactical planning, and also, for statement collection and supplemental reports in the aftermath of incidents.

Deputy Rodriguez received a phone call to respond to the city of Compton in regard to an armed suspect who had fired at deputies. Upon arrival, he parked his vehicle near South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street and met with SEB team member Deputy Edwards. Deputy Edwards briefed Deputy Rodriguez on the details of the incident and informed him the suspect was still armed inside the location.

After he positioned himself behind the armored vehicle on East Lucien Street with his team, he recalled Aero Bureau personnel, via the public address system, ordered the suspect to surrender to deputies. Shortly afterward, he heard Aero Bureau personnel radioed the suspect fled on foot through the rear yard with a rifle **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 44:23-44:38]**. Deputy Rodriguez clearly heard the PA announcements from Aero Bureau, that instructed the suspect to drop the weapon **[Deputy Rodriguez' IAB transcript, pages 14-15]**. Deputy Rodriguez learned assisting SEB team members had not yet arrived to contain the suspect's movement on East Shauer Street. At the request of Deputy Robert, Deputy Rodriguez ran to the corner of South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street. He met SEB Sergeants Cook and [redacted] From the information he received from Aero Bureau personnel and numerous patrol deputies near the corner, he learned that East Shauer Street residence had not been evacuated. Deputy Rodriguez also learned residents were seen inside [redacted] East Shauer Street.

As the GPD armored vehicle and SEB team members made their way toward Deputy Rodriguez' location, he heard Aero Bureau personnel state the suspect was armed with a rifle and tried to get inside of the house through a window **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 46:25-46:30]**.

When the SEB team arrived, Deputy Robert told Deputy Rodriguez he would be designated as lethal force since he had a visual on the suspect's location. Utilizing the armored vehicle as cover, the team moved eastbound down East Shauer Street toward the suspect's location. Deputy Rodriguez was positioned

near the passenger side front hood of the armored vehicle. Deputies Robert and Edwards, and Sergeants Lee, [redacted] and Cook were behind Deputy Rodriguez. He did not recall the activities or positions of personnel behind him as he focused to watch the corner for the armed suspect. The armored vehicle moved to within 30-45 yards away from the corner of the house. Deputy Rodriguez saw a partial view of the suspect behind the southeast corner of the house **[Deputy Rodriguez' homicide transcripts, part 1 page 13]**.

As the left portion of the suspect's body came into view, Deputy Rodriguez saw the suspect near the corner. The suspect turned his body toward the corner, as if he intended to walk to the front door of the house **[Deputy Rodriguez' homicide transcripts, part 1 page 13]**. The front door of the house was in close proximity to the suspect.

Simultaneously the suspect leaned down toward his right and either had the rifle in his right hand, or was trying to pick up the rifle from the ground. Deputy Rodriguez considered the suspect armed because of his proximity to the rifle and its position near his arm. The suspect was "ready to pick up rifle and shoot at us" **[Deputy Rodriguez' homicide transcripts part 2 page 2]**. Deputy Rodriguez described the weapon as a black compact AR-15 type rifle.

The suspect faced the SEB team briefly, then, turned his body toward the house. Because the suspect had earlier fired at the deputies unprovoked and refused commands from Aero Bureau, Deputy Rodriguez knew he could not let the armed suspect enter the occupied house and take hostages. He feared the occupants of the home, the residents on the street and the SEB team members were immediately threatened. He fired three shots from his rifle at the suspect, who faced west, as if going toward the front door **[Deputy Rodriguez' IAB transcript, page 18]**.

Deputy Rodriquez did not communicate with the suspect nor did he give any commands prior to the shooting. There was no opportunity to communicate or use less lethal options. The use of less lethal weapons would have been difficult and ineffective from that distance **[Deputy Rodriguez' IAB transcript, page 17]**. Deputy Rodriguez saw the suspect fall to the ground, and the weapon fell near the suspect's body.

Deputy Rodriguez said his backdrop consisted of a chain-link fence and the exterior stucco house wall. Deputy Rodriguez felt if he did not fire at the suspect, he, SEB team members, and residents in the area could have been shot by the suspect. The suspect was an active armed shooter with an assault rifle, which contained rounds capable of penetrating through cars and windows **[Deputy Rodriguez' IAB transcript, page 18]**.

After the suspect fell to the ground, SEB team members and the armored vehicle moved close to the suspect. They devised a plan to deploy the flash bang grenade, which was tossed at the suspect by Deputy Edwards.

When the suspect did not react or move after the flash bang grenade exploded, they approached the suspect after a minute and a half. SEB team members separated the firearm from the suspect, and began to perform CPR until the ESD personnel arrived and took over lifesaving medical aid.

Deputy Rodriguez did not hear Lieutenant Burakowski's radio traffic that the suspect placed the firearm down at his feet **[Deputy Rodriguez' IAB transcript, page 9]**.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Deputy Samuel Aldama

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Aldama was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Domenick Recchia and John O'Brien. On November 2, 2017, Deputy Aldama worked Compton Sheriff's Station as Unit 287D, with his partner Deputy Edgar Cuevas.

At approximately 1400 hours, they responded to assist on an emergency call for service regarding an assault with a deadly weapon, man with a gun, incident number, CPT17306-0180 **[EXHIBIT A, page 35]**. The call stated a male Hispanic without a shirt, near West Cressey Street and North Oleander Avenue, was armed with a handgun. Deputies Aldama and Cuevas assisted the handling unit and attempted to locate the suspect. They conducted an unrelated traffic stop of a vehicle northbound on South Aranbe Avenue north of East Lucien Street.

While they searched the vehicle, Deputy Aldama heard a loud gunshot, which he believed came from a high powered rifle. The noise came from southeast behind his position. He stopped searching and exited the vehicle. Deputy Cuevas told Deputy Aldama he heard the gunshot also, and both deputies attempted to find cover. Deputy Cuevas ran to the southeast corner of South Aranbe Avenue and East Lucien Street, and Deputy Aldama stayed with the patrol car to ensure the safety of people he had detained. Deputy Aldama took a position behind the patrol car, and used the car as cover. Deputy Cuevas broadcasted emergency radio traffic, notified other units they had been fired upon, and requested units to set up a containment **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic Dispatch 9 (1), audio mark 00:13 - 00:44]**.

A multitude of responding units, including Aero Bureau, quickly arrived. Shortly thereafter, Deputies Aldama noticed a gray sports utility vehicle on East Lucien Street in the general direction from where they believed the gunshot originated

from. They saw two females come from inside, or from near the vehicle, and approach them. The older of the two females told Deputy Aldama that she lived at [redacted] and the suspect was in the house. She said he owned two rifles, but that they had not seen if he was armed currently, or if they had seen him firing them that day.

Deputy Aldama never saw the suspect before the traffic stop. Deputy Aldama and Cuevas held containment positions, and later went to the command post. Deputy Aldama did not witness the deputy involved shooting.

Deputy Edgar Cuevas

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Cuevas was interviewed at Compton Sheriff's Station by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Domenick Recchia and John O'Brien. On November 2, 2017, Deputy Cuevas worked Compton Sheriff's Station as Unit 287D, with his partner, Deputy Samuel Aldama.

Both deputies responded to assist on an emergency call for service regarding an assault with a deadly weapon, man with a gun, incident number, CPT17306-0180 **[EXHIBIT A, page 35]**. The call stated a male Hispanic suspect pointed a gun at someone near West Cressey Street and North Oleander Avenue. Deputies Aldama and Cuevas attempted to locate the suspect. The call indicated there was no informant to contact. They remained in the general area and conducted a traffic stop on South Aranbe Avenue north of East Lucien Street.

During the traffic stop, Deputy Cuevas noticed a shirtless male Hispanic in his 20's, approximately 5'9" with shoulder length dark hair as he walked westbound on East Lucien Street toward them. The male looked in their direction, then, walked southbound down a driveway on East Lucien Street, and out of view. Deputy Cuevas heard a loud gunshot from a rifle. Deputy Cuevas immediately saw something pass through the leaves of a tree. His ears rang, and he felt the compression of the blast on his body. He confirmed with Deputy Aldama he had also heard the shot, and they both sought cover. Deputy Cuevas ran south and broadcasted emergency assistance.

As additional units arrived, the detainees were removed from the back seat of the patrol vehicle and moved out of the area. Deputies Cuevas and Aldama held containment positions, and later went to the command post. Deputies Cuevas and Aldama were at the command post at the time of the deputy involved shooting, and did not witness it.

Deputy Roland Abbott

On April 16, 2020, Deputy Abbott was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Jeremy Carr and Ray Jones at the Long Beach Airport. During the interview, Deputy Abbott was provided four aerial photographs of the location for reference. The

photographs were individually marked as #1 through #4 **[EXHIBIT F - Reference Photos]**. He was also shown two media coverage videos that depicted the scene at the time of the incident **[EXHIBIT E– News Media Videos]**.

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Abbott was assigned to Aero Bureau as a Tactical Flight Deputy along with his partner, Pilot Deputy Dailey. They heard radio traffic that a deputy got shot at and responded to the scene within two minutes. Upon arrival, Deputy Abbott began to assist ground units with setting up a containment, which focused on East Lucien Street. He did not recall if he saw SEB team members positioned in front of Lucien Street house, nor did he recall if he made any announcements over the helicopter public address system for the suspect to surrender **[Deputy Abbott's IAB transcript, page 9]**.

Deputy Abbott utilized his binoculars to view the incident as it unfolded on the ground. He relayed relevant threats to ground personnel, and focused on the suspect's movement and tactical considerations. Deputy Abbott did not focus on the activity of SEB personnel. They orbited around the location, and at times, their view of the suspect and scene was obstructed by houses, cars, and trees.

Deputy Abbott said the suspect appeared in the rear yard of East Lucien Street, while armed with a long rifle. The suspect jumped the rear fence, southbound onto East Shauer Street. While armed, the suspect moved to the east side of a house on and either looked into the window or tried to get into the house through the window.

Deputy Abbott noticed SEB team members approached with the GPD's armored vehicle, eastbound East Shauer Street toward the house.

While Aero Bureau continued to orbit, they had positioned themselves with a view of the rear yard of the location when the shooting occurred. He did not have a view of the suspect, nor the SEB team during their orbit. Deputy Abbott believed the shooting occurred when he observed a dog in the yard of the location suddenly sprinted away as if it was scared. He heard "shots fired," broadcasted over the radio. When they flew back around, he saw the suspect down on the ground. The suspect was either holding the rifle or the rifle was positioned by his side.

Deputy Abbott and his partner left the location shortly after the shooting. Deputy Abbott did not recall if he saw a flash bang grenade explosion, or when medical aid was rendered.

Deputy Ken Dailey

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Dailey was assigned to Aero Bureau as a helicopter pilot along with his partner, Tactical Flight Deputy Abbott. Deputy

Dailey's duties as a pilot required his full attention to maneuver the aircraft during an incident. Being the pilot prohibited him from witnessing the shooting.

Lieutenant Susanne Burakowski

On April 21, 2020, Lieutenant Burakowski was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Jeremy Carr at the SEB headquarters. During the interview, Lieutenant Burakowski was provided four aerial photographs of the location for reference. The photographs were individually marked as #1 through #4 **[EXHIBIT F – Reference Photos]**. During the interview, an audio recording of the ATAC-4 radio traffic she broadcasted during the incident was played **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 50:04-50:30].**

On November 2, 2017, Lieutenant Burakowski was assigned to SEB when she heard radio traffic that field deputies were fired upon. She responded to the incident and arrived at the command post at approximately 3:30 PM, where she was briefed about the incident by SEB personnel and Compton Station personnel.

She gathered information from family members at the command post to help establish the suspect's mind frame. While the Aero unit flew overhead, she accessed and watched the "downlink monitor." The view from the downlink camera focused on the suspect, and not the movement of the SEB team.

> **IAB Note:** **Lieutenant Burakowski's view from the downlink system was not constant. The Aero Bureau camera continually moved around as they orbited the incident location. At times, the suspect and scene was obstructed by structures, trees' and other objects.**

The SEB team positioned themselves on Lucien Street. A few minutes later, she noticed Suspect Cendejas appeared in the rear yard as he carried a rifle. The suspect climbed the fence into the rear yard on Shauer Street.

Lieutenant Burakowski watched as the suspect walked along the east side of the house with a rifle. She observed the suspect as he looked into a window of the house. The suspect appeared to get someone's attention inside the house **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 46:25-46:30]**. Based on her observations, coupled with vehicles parked at the house, she believed there were people inside the house. She feared the suspect would enter the location and take hostages. Lieutenant Burakowski continued to watch the suspect's movements as he crouched, stood, and walked near the wall of the house. The suspect placed the rifle against the wall and called a dog over to him. The suspect picked the rifle back up. The rifle was always within the suspect's reach.

SEB team members asked Compton Station personnel if they evacuated the houses on East Shauer Street. The houses were not evacuated. The decision was made to split SEB team members and send a group to East Shauer Street to prevent the suspect's movement and to avoid a potential active shooter scenario.

IAB Note: As the team maneuvered around to Shauer Street, Lieutenant Burakowski broadcasted the suspect was crouched down, and had placed the rifle at this feet [EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 50:04-50:30].

Lieutenant Burakowski said her descriptive radio broadcast was to provide information to the SEB team members while they moved into position. The team members still had to react to whatever threat they encountered regardless of what information she provided. The information she provided could have been affected by a video delay or the rapid change of the incident.

Seconds before the shooting, she noticed the suspect crouched down. She was unsure if the rifle was at the suspect's side or it was leaned against a wall with the stock pointing upright. Suddenly, the suspect fell to the ground, which indicated he had been shot. Shortly after, "shots fired" was broadcasted over the radio.

Shortly after the shooting, she was told over the radio SEB team members planned to throw a flash bang grenade near the suspect to see if he would react. The suspect did not react to the flash bang grenade.

Lieutenant Burakowski ensured Deputy Rodriguez was sequestered with a supervisor.

Deputy Darell Edwards

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Edwards was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Domenick Recchia and John O'Brien. On April 13, 2020, Deputy Edwards was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Jeremy Carr and Shawn O'Donnell at the SEB Headquarters. During IAB's interview, Deputy Edwards was provided four aerial photographs of the location for reference. The photographs were individually marked as #1 through #4 **[EXHIBIT F – Reference Photos]**.

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Edwards was assigned as the Desk Deputy at SEB headquarters. Sheriff's Communication Center advised him of a shooting incident in the city of Compton shortly after 3:00 PM. He responded to the command post.

Upon his arrival at the command post, he met with SEB personnel. At the command post, Deputy Edwards spoke to Suspect Cendejas' [redacted] Witness

[redacted] Witness [redacted] said she left the house after the suspect paced inside the location armed with a rifle and a handgun. She told Deputy Edwards there was an elderly woman inside the house.

Out of concern for the elderly woman and others in the vicinity, Deputy Edwards realized the suspect's rifle capabilities would not allow patrol deputies to get close to the location. Deputy Edwards and additional SEB team members formulated a plan. They discussed using the GPD armored vehicle as cover to get close to the residence. They wanted to control the suspect's movement and to set a staging point for a possible arrest and, or crisis entry team. Deputy Edwards' team, combined with the GPD officers inside the armored vehicle, parked near the [redacted] and formed an arrest team.

Aero Bureau personnel made announcements from the helicopter's public address system, and called for the suspect, by name, to peacefully exit the house and surrender.

After five to ten minutes of announcements and no response from the suspect, the Aero Bureau personnel communicated over the radio the armed suspect had exited the rear of the property, climbed a southern wall to the rear, and was in the rear yard of [redacted] East Shauer Street. The team had not confirmed the East Shauer Street house had been evacuated. SEB team members, along with GPD members formulated a plan to reposition on Shauer Street to prevent the suspect from moving.

While on foot, the team traveled to East Shauer Street and awaited the arrival of the GPD's armored vehicle. Sergeants Lee and [redacted] and Deputy Rodriguez met at the corner. Patrol personnel at the intersection informed SEB team members that houses in the area had not been evacuated.

Deputy Edwards was responsible to arrest and detain the suspect if he surrendered. Deputy Rodriguez and Sergeant Lee were tasked with "lethal force" responsibilities. As the armored vehicle slowly traveled eastbound on East Shauer Street, SEB team members took cover, and walked alongside the passenger side of the armored vehicle. Deputy Edwards heard radio traffic that described the suspect's position on the south eastern wall of [redacted] East Shauer Street.

Over the radio, Deputy Edwards heard a description of the suspect's position adjacent to the front door of the house. As the house came into view, he saw the house had an eastern facing front door which was approximately 15 to 20 feet from the corner where the suspect was positioned.

As the vehicle stopped, the southeast corner of the house was in view. From approximately 50 feet away, Deputy Edwards briefly saw the suspect, who had his back against a wall while he peeked around the corner. The suspect

maneuvered his body as if he was going to turn around the corner, while he had a rifle in his hands. The barrel was pointed down toward the ground and the stock of the rifle pointed vertically upward when he heard three shots. The suspect fell to the ground. He heard "shots fired, suspect down" via radio transmission. Deputy Edwards had not heard anyone from the SEB team attempt to communicate with the suspect in the seconds that led up to the shooting.

The suspect was lied chest down on the ground on top of his rifle. Before they approached the suspect, SEB team members needed to determine if the suspect was critically injured, or if he was still a threat to fire at them based on his proximity to the weapon. They formulated a plan to throw a flash bang grenade near the suspect to see if he reacted to the loud sound. Deputy Edwards threw a flash bang grenade at the suspect under the direct supervision of Sergeant Lee. The device exploded approximately two feet from the suspect, who did not react to the explosion.

The SEB team members approached the suspect. Deputies Edwards and Swanson began to perform CPR on the suspect. They continued to perform CPR for several minutes before they were relieved by ESD and the Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedic personnel.

Deputy Edwards was not aware of radio traffic broadcasted by Lieutenant Burakowski, which described the suspect had placed his weapon down **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 50:04-50:30]**.

Sergeant [redacted]

On November 3, 2017, Sergeant [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Dominick Recchia and John O'Brien. On April 22, 2020, Sergeant [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Jeremy Carr at the Community Oriented Policing Bureau office in East Los Angeles. During IAB's interview, Sergeant [redacted] was provided four aerial photographs of the location for reference. The photographs were individually marked as #1 through #4 **[EXHIBIT F – Reference Photos]**. He was shown media coverage videos, which depicted the scene at the time of the incident **[EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos]**.

> **IAB Note: Sergeant [redacted] was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 2018.**

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant [redacted] was assigned to SEB. He received a phone call from SEB desk personnel regarding Compton Station deputies had been fired upon shortly after 3:00 PM. He responded from home to the command post. Upon arrival, he spoke to the handling patrol unit, who explained

they had been fired upon, and the suspect's family reported the suspect was still inside the house.

Sergeant [redacted] determined the incident was a barricade situation and began to coordinate SEB resources. He met with SEB personnel, Lieutenant Burakowski, Sergeant Lee, Deputies Edwards and Robert, and GPD personnel, who were at the location with their armored vehicle.

While Lieutenant Burakowski was at the command post, SEB team members utilized GPD's armored vehicle as cover for their arrest team. The SEB team members waited for more resources and personnel to arrive.

Sergeant [redacted] did not recall if Aero Bureau made announcements to the suspect. Aero Bureau personnel advised over the radio Suspect Cendejas had exited the house from the rear, climbed over the wall and was on the property south of the location armed with a rifle. Because the suspect had already fired at deputies, Sergeant [redacted] and other team members decided they did not have time to wait for additional SEB team members to arrive to contain Shauer Street. They had to act quickly and go around to Shauer Street.

They ran toward South Aranbe Avenue. They stopped at the corner of South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street, where they met with patrol personnel and additional SEB team members Sergeant John Cook and K9 handler Deputy James Amann. Sergeant [redacted] heard radio transmission the suspect tried to get into a window of a house as the armored vehicle joined the team at South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street. They decided to use the armored vehicle as cover, as they walked eastbound on Shauer Street toward the target location.

Sergeant [redacted] did not hear radio transmission broadcasted by Lieutenant Burakowski, which described the suspect had placed his weapon down **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 50:04-50:30]**.

Sergeant [redacted] view of the suspect was blocked by the armored vehicle. He decided to move close to the front of the vehicle when he heard three gunshots. He did not see the suspect get shot or fall. Based on how loud the gunshots sounded, he knew it came from a SEB team member and not the suspect. He transmitted "shots fired" over the tactical radio frequency **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 54:25-54:32]**.

The discussion amongst the team members immediately after the shooting was to determine if the suspect was shot, or if he faked an injury, and still posed a threat. Sergeant [redacted] considered sending a K9 dog in to distract the suspect while they made an approach; however, with the suspect's appearance they were confident he was injured. The SEB team members decided to throw a flash bang grenade near Suspect Cendejas to see if he reacted to the loud sound.

The flash bang grenade was thrown and exploded, to which the suspect did not react.

The team moved up to the suspect, removed his rifle, and began to render aid and performed CPR until ESD personnel arrived to continued medical aid. Sergeant [redacted] did not witness the shooting, nor did he see the suspect until he was down on the ground. He never heard any SEB team member attempt to communicate with the suspect in the seconds leading up to the shooting.

Sergeant John Cook

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant Cook was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Dominick Recchia and John O'Brien. On April 23, 2020, Sergeant Cook was interviewed over the telephone by IAB Sergeant Jeremy Carr.

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant Cook was assigned as a K9 Sergeant for SEB. He heard an emergent radio transmission of Compton Station deputies involved in a shooting at approximately 3:00 PM. After he coordinated telephone calls with Sergeant [redacted] he responded to the command post at Gonzales Park. When he arrived at the location, he was advised a suspect had fired at deputies, and was now barricaded inside of a house.

Sergeant Cook, SEB team members, and the GPD's armored vehicle left the command post and drove to South Aranbe Avenue and East Lucien Street. SEB team members walked eastbound on East Lucien Street alongside the armored vehicle for cover. They positioned themselves in front of the suspect's location as an arrest team, pending the arrival of additional resources. After several minutes, upon the request of Sergeant Lee, Sergeant Cook retrieved the downlink monitor when he heard Aero Bureau state the suspect had climbed the wall southbound onto an East Shauer Street property **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 44:23-44:37]**. Simultaneously, Sergeant Cook looked east and saw the suspect as he walked southbound through the rear yard of the East Lucien Street property. The suspect was armed with an object that looked like a "pistol grip rifle" in his right hand **[Sergeant Cook's IAB transcript, pages 7- 8]**.

Sergeant Cook and Deputy Amann walked south to the intersection of South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street. Aero Bureau continued to update the suspect's activity. The suspect was positioned on the southeast corner of [redacted] East Shauer Street, armed with a weapon, and he tried to get into the house through a window. Sergeant Cook periodically saw the suspect peek his head around the corner of the house toward the deputies, with the same object in his right hand.

After a few minutes, SEB team members and the armored vehicle arrived at Sergeant Cook and Deputy Amann's location. Fearing the suspect would enter

the house and create a hostage situation, they began to walk eastbound on East Shauer Street alongside the moving armored vehicle toward the suspect's location. As they moved east, the suspect's head and left upper torso came into Sergeant Cook's view. The armored vehicle and the corner of the house blocked his view. He could not see the suspect's lower body, nor the suspect's right side. As the suspect stood by a window, Sergeant Cook suddenly heard three shots fired from Deputy Rodriguez.

SEB team members devised a plan to throw a flash bang grenade toward the suspect to see if the suspect reacted or if he was still a threat. As a K9 handler, Sergeant Cook considered to deploy the K9 if the suspect reacted and appeared to be a threat. After the flash bang grenade was tossed, the suspect did not react to the explosion. SEB team members determined Suspect Cendejas was gravely injured. They approached the suspect to render medical aid.

Sergeant Cook did not hear Lieutenant Burakowski's radio transmission prior to the shooting in regards to the suspect had placed he weapon at his feet. He never heard any communication between SEB team members and the suspect prior to the shooting.

Sergeant Eric Lee

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant Lee was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Dominick Recchia and John O'Brien at SEB. On April 13, 2020, Sergeant Lee was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Jeremy Carr and Shawn O'Donnell. During IAB's interview, Sergeant Lee was provided four aerial photographs of the location for reference. The photographs were individually marked as #1 through #4 **[EXHIBIT F – Reference Photos]**. He was shown media coverage videos which depicted the scene at the time of the incident **[EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos]**.

On November 2, 2017, Sergeant Lee was assigned to SEB. His responsibility was to be the direct supervisor for his team. He also acted as a liaison between his team members and the lieutenant at the command post. Sergeant Lee responded to the command post from home after he received a telephone call about the incident.

Upon arrival to the command post, Sergeant Lee was briefed the suspect had fired at deputies, and was possibly in a house located at [redacted] He received information the SEB team's armored vehicle was en route to the location from East Los Angeles. Based on the availability of GPD's armored vehicle, SEB team members utilized the resource during their tactical planning.

SEB team members walked along the armored vehicle for cover as it traveled east on East Lucien Street. The armored vehicle stopped near the front of the suspect's house. After three to five minutes, Aero Bureau broadcasted the

suspect had exited the house and was in the rear yard of a house on East Lucien Street. Sergeant Lee instructed Aero Bureau to utilize the public address system to order the suspect to exit the rear yard, and walk to East Lucien Street to surrender **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 41:57-42:07]**. The suspect, however, climbed the wall southbound onto an East Shauer Street property armed with a rifle. After he conferred with SEB team members, and based on the threat of an armed suspect on the move, they made the decision to change position and move to East Shauer Street with the armored vehicle.

SEB team members met Sergeants [redacted] Cook and Deputies Amann and Rodriguez at the corner of South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street. SEB team members used the armored vehicle as cover as they walked eastbound on East Shauer Street toward the suspect's location. The armored vehicle stopped, with Sergeant Lee positioned over the front hood, and Deputy Rodriguez was to his immediate right.

Sergeant Lee noticed the suspect walk toward the southeast corner along the wall of the house. He could see the left side of the suspect's body, but the view of the suspect's right side was concealed by the wall of the house. As the suspect walked into view, he instantaneously heard three shots from the direction of Deputy Rodriguez **[Sergeant Lee's homicide transcript, page 5]**. After he saw the suspect fall to the ground, he broadcast over his radio a shooting had occurred. After the shooting, Sergeant Lee noticed the suspect's firearm leaned against the wall near the corner.

Sergeant Lee and Deputy Robert decided to use a flash bang grenade to see if the suspect would react. Sergeant Lee directed Deputy Edwards to throw a flash bang grenade toward the suspect. The suspect did not react to the explosion. When they moved up to the suspect, Deputy Robert secured the firearm while Deputies Edwards and Swanson started CPR.

ESD paramedics arrived after approximately two minutes and relieved Deputies Edwards and Swanson to render medical aid. Sergeant Lee did not recall any verbal commands or communication between his team members and the suspect in the minutes prior to the shooting. He never saw the suspect with the firearm.

Sergeant Lee did not hear Lieutenant Burakowski's radio transmission which he described the suspect placed the firearm down at his feet traffic **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 50:04-50:30]**.

Deputy Lawrence Swanson

On November 3, 2017, Deputy Swanson was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Dominick Recchia and John O'Brien at SEB. Deputy Swanson was interviewed on April 13, 2020, by IAB Sergeants Jeremy Carr and Shawn O'Donnell at SEB. During IAB's interview, Deputy Swanson was provided four

aerial photographs of the location for reference. The photographs were individually marked as #1 through #4 **[EXHIBIT F – Reference Photos].** He was also shown media coverage videos depicting the scene at the time of the incident **[EXHIBIT E – News Media Videos].**

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Swanson was assigned to SEB. While he attended training in Corona, California, he was alerted at approximately 3:00 PM, via email, that Compton Station deputies had been fired upon. Deputy Swanson responded and met with other SEB team members, Sergeants Cook and Lee, Deputies Robert and Edwards, and GPD's personnel with their armored vehicle.

SEB team members formulated a plan, and Deputy Swanson was assigned to less lethal responsibilities. He was armed with a stunbag shotgun as they walked to the location and they utilized the moving armored vehicle as cover. He did not recall his team members or Aero Bureau personnel gave instructions to the suspect over the public address system. They did not attempt to call the suspect's phone.

Deputy Swanson heard a radio transmission from Aero Bureau personnel that the suspect was in the rear yard of a house on East Lucien Street. Aero Bureau stated the suspect entered the rear yard of the East Shauer Street property.

Deputy Swanson and other SEB team members left their positions on East Lucien Street and took a containment position on the corner of South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street. Because Deputy Swanson took a containment position, he no longer maintained the less lethal responsibility, and he did not possess the stun bag shotgun. Deputy Swanson requested over the radio for the armored vehicle to drive to their position on South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 52:01-52:13]**.

Aero Bureau continued to update the suspect's movements, and described him as armed and crouched down near the southeast corner of [redacted] East Shauer Street. The suspect then walked back and forth along the eastern wall of the exterior of the house.

SEB team members took cover on the south passenger side of the armored vehicle as they walked alongside. The vehicle came to a stop.

Deputy Swanson stood near the rear passenger side of the armored vehicle with Deputy Robert, as they communicated with GPD officers near the passenger side door. Deputy Swanson suddenly heard two or three shots from the direction of Deputy Rodriguez. He heard Deputy Rodriguez say the suspect was down. He never heard any team member attempt to communicate with the suspect in the seconds that led up to the shooting. His view was partially blocked by the armored vehicle. He did not see the suspect get shot, nor did he see him fall to the ground. He was told the rifle was near the suspect. From his position

alongside the armored vehicle, he saw Deputy Edwards throw a flash bang grenade, which he heard explode. Although he did not see the suspect, Deputy Swanson was told the suspect did not react.

SEB team members moved up to the suspect. Deputy Swanson secured the suspect's hands behind his back, but felt the lifeless weight of the suspect's arms. He turned the suspect over onto his back and began CPR. He noticed the suspect had a wound to the side of his head, and blood on his torso. He continued CPR for several minutes until he was relieved by ESD paramedics.

Deputy James Amann

On November 3, 2017, Deputy Amann was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Domenick Recchia and John O'Brien.

> IAB Note: **At the time of this investigation, Deputy Amann was on extended military leave, and was unable to be interviewed by IAB investigators.**

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Amann was assigned as a K9 Handler for SEB. He received a notification that Compton Station deputies had been fired upon at approximately 3:00 PM and responded to the command post. Upon arrival, he positioned himself near South Aranbe Avenue and East Lucien Street. From his position, he had a partial view of the rear yard of the target location. He saw a glimpse of Suspect Cendejas as he ran southbound through the rear yard toward the fence. He heard a radio transmission which stated the suspect had climbed the fence and traveled southbound onto an East Shauer Street property.

He heard Aero Bureau describe the suspect's actions and position along the east side of [redacted] East Shauer Street. Aero Bureau stated the suspect was armed with a long rifle, and tried to make contact with the homeowner a house on Shauer Street. SEB team members and the GPD's armored vehicle arrived at the intersection of South Aranbe Avenue and East Shauer Street, where they met with Deputy Amann. Deputy Amann joined the other SEB team members as they walked eastbound alongside the armored vehicle on East Shauer Street. They utilized the armored vehicle as cover. As he stood near the rear of the armored vehicle, he heard three shots coming from an SEB team member.

Because the armored vehicle obstructed his view, he did not see the suspect, nor did he see which SEB team member fired his weapon. He heard SEB team members make the decision to deploy a flash bang grenade by the suspect to see if he was still a threat. After the flash bang grenade exploded, the suspect did not react. Deputy Amann approached the suspect along with the other SEB team members. He saw the suspect down on the ground. He saw the firearm after it had been removed from the suspect.

Deputy William Robert

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Robert was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeants Dominick Recchia and John O'Brien. On April 14, 2020, Deputy Robert was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Jeremy Carr via telephone. During the interview, he was provided four aerial photographs, via email, of the location for reference. The photographs were individually marked as #1 through #4 **[EXHIBIT F – Reference Photos]**.

> **IAB Note: Deputy Robert was interviewed over the telephone because he was home as he recovered from surgery.**

On November 2, 2017, Deputy Robert was assigned to SEB. At approximately 3:00 PM, Deputy Robert was advised by SEB Deputy Edwards, via telephone, of a shooting that involved Compton Station deputies. He responded to the command post where he was briefed about the incident, which included information about the suspect's location. He also received information there may be an elderly female in a rear house at the location.

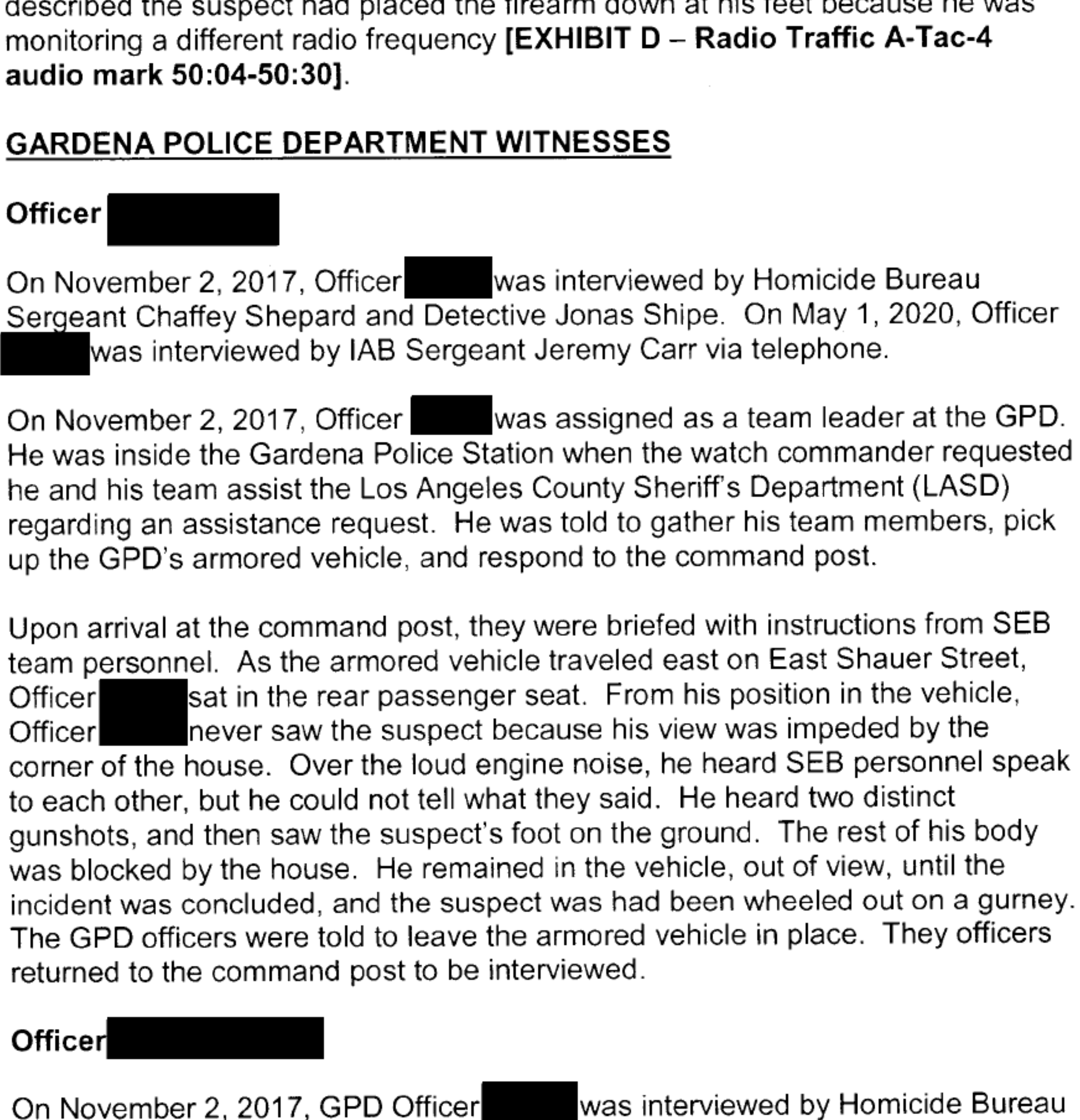
Deputy Robert and other SEB team members left the command post and positioned themselves behind the GPD's armored vehicle on East Lucien Street in front of the suspect's location. He heard radio transmission from Aero unit personnel which indicated the suspect had exited the house to the south, jumped the fence, and walked south through the rear yard armed with a firearm. The radio transmission continued to provide updates on the suspect's actions, which indicated he was tried to break into a window on the house.

Based on the suspect's actions, Deputy Robert determined the situation rapidly changed from a possible barricade situation, to a potential hostage situation. Fearing the suspect would get into the house, the team left the East Lucien Street location and ran to reposition themselves on East Shauer Street. Their goal was to prevent the suspect from entering the house.

SEB team members walked eastbound alongside the armored vehicle on East Shauer Street. They utilized the GPD's armored vehicle as cover. SEB team members and GPD officers could not communicate via radio due to frequency incompatibility. Through the open passenger door on the armored vehicle, Deputy Robert relayed communication between Deputy Rodriguez and Sergeant Lee, and the GPD's officers as he guided them into position to see the suspect. The armored vehicle stopped when they were in a position to see the corner of the house. Simultaneously as the vehicle stopped, Deputy Robert heard three shots come from the direction of Deputy Rodriguez.

Deputy Robert did not see the suspect prior to the shooting due to his position near the armored vehicle. He did not hear any commands or communication between SEB team member and the suspect prior to the shooting.

Deputy Robert walked close to Deputy Rodriguez so he could see the suspect. The suspect was lying on the ground with a firearm wedged and pointed upward, between the suspect and the wall of the house. Deputy Robert formulated a plan to throw the flash bang grenade toward the suspect to see if he was still a threat. If the suspect didn't react, they could move toward the suspect, and separate him from the weapon and render medical aid. Deputy Edwards tossed a flash bang grenade toward the suspect, but he did not react. Within a few minutes of the shooting, the SEB team members moved up to the suspect. Deputy Robert secured the suspect's weapon and Deputies Edwards and Swanson rendered first aid.



Deputy Robert did not hear Lieutenant Burakowski's radio transmission, which described the suspect had placed the firearm down at his feet because he was monitoring a different radio frequency **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic A-Tac-4 audio mark 50:04-50:30]**.

GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT WITNESSES

Officer [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Officer [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe. On May 1, 2020, Officer [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Jeremy Carr via telephone.

On November 2, 2017, Officer [redacted] was assigned as a team leader at the GPD. He was inside the Gardena Police Station when the watch commander requested he and his team assist the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) regarding an assistance request. He was told to gather his team members, pick up the GPD's armored vehicle, and respond to the command post.

Upon arrival at the command post, they were briefed with instructions from SEB team personnel. As the armored vehicle traveled east on East Shauer Street, Officer [redacted] sat in the rear passenger seat. From his position in the vehicle, Officer [redacted] never saw the suspect because his view was impeded by the corner of the house. Over the loud engine noise, he heard SEB personnel speak to each other, but he could not tell what they said. He heard two distinct gunshots, and then saw the suspect's foot on the ground. The rest of his body was blocked by the house. He remained in the vehicle, out of view, until the incident was concluded, and the suspect was had been wheeled out on a gurney. The GPD officers were told to leave the armored vehicle in place. They officers returned to the command post to be interviewed.

Officer [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, GPD Officer [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Officer [redacted] was in the Gardena Police station, when she was called into the watch commander's office at approximately 3:00 PM. She was told deputies in the city of Compton were involved in a shooting and needed help. While she rode in the passenger seat, GPD Officer [redacted] drove the armored response vehicle to the command post at Gonzales Park. Officer [redacted] followed them in his patrol vehicle to the command post.

Upon arrival at the command post, they were briefed and provided instructions from SEB team members. All three GPD officers were inside of the vehicle as it traveled eastbound on East Shauer Street; Officer [redacted] drove, Officer [redacted] in the front passenger seat, and Officer [redacted] in the rear. Officer [redacted] was given the responsibility to relay information, through the opened passenger door, to SEB team members as they walked slowly along the passenger side of the vehicle. Seconds after the vehicle stopped, as her head faced south toward SEB team members and her back toward the house, she heard two shots. She turned toward the house and saw the fallen suspect's hair and foot. The rest of the suspect was blocked by the corner of the house. She did not see who fired the shots at the suspect, nor did she hear any commands to the suspect prior to the shooting.

Officer [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, GPD Officer [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe. On May 5, 2020, Officer [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Jeremy Carr via telephone.

On November 2, 2017, Officer [redacted] was asked to drive the armored vehicle to assist Compton Station Deputies involved in a shooting. After meeting with SEB personnel, he was told the plan was to set up their vehicle near the suspect's location until they were replaced by a LASD armored vehicle. As they positioned the armored vehicle on East Lucien Street, they heard Aero Bureau describe the armed suspect left the house and traveling south. GPD officers were asked to reposition the armored vehicle on Shauer Street.

He drove the armored vehicle in accordance with the speed and direction of the SEB team members, who used the passenger side of the vehicle as cover. As he concentrated on correct placement of the armored vehicle, and he tried to avoid hitting parked cars, he heard two shots. He looked to his right where the sound of the shots came from, toward the group of SEB personnel near the hood of the armored vehicle. He could not tell who fired the shots. He looked left toward the house and saw the fallen suspect's hair and foot as it protruded from his blocked view. The rest of the suspect's fallen body was concealed by the corner of the house. He did not hear any commands to the suspect just prior to the shooting. He remembered Aero Bureau gave commands to the suspect earlier during the incident.

CIVILIAN WITNESSES

Witness [redacted]

On December 4, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Domenick Recchia.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was drove to work northbound on South Aranbe Avenue, when she saw a shirtless male Hispanic pedestrian with long hair and long shorts looking at her. The male, later identified as Suspect Cendejas, crossed the street and stood on the sidewalk. She could not recall the cross street on Aranbe, but saw the suspect raise his arm and point a handgun at the passenger side of her car as she drove by. The suspect did not say anything, but Witness [redacted] was frightened and called police **[EXHIBIT C – 911 Call (1), audio mark 00:21-06:03 and Call (2), audio mark 00:05-02:05]**.

Witness [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was one of three occupants inside of a vehicle that was stopped by deputies on South Aranbe Avenue and East Lucien Street prior to the shooting. He was searched and placed into the back seat of the patrol vehicle. His passenger was searched and placed into the rear passenger side back seat. As their vehicle was searched, he heard a single gunshot and looked to his right, and saw dust fly as if a tree had been struck. Shortly afterward, he saw an older male Hispanic in a mechanic style jumpsuit walk out into the driveway of a property near where he thought the shot had originated. The man walked over near a gray truck parked on the street and talked to people inside. Witness [redacted] was transferred into another radio car. He did not see who fired the shot.

Witness [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] and his friend, Witness [redacted] had just picked up Witness [redacted] from school when they were stopped by deputies at South Aranbe Avenue and East Lucien Street. He was placed in the rear of the radio car, as Witness [redacted] stayed in their vehicle while it was searched. Witness [redacted] heard the loud "crack" of a shot and saw the bark of a nearby tree splinter "like somebody hit it with an axe" **[Witness [redacted] homicide transcript, page 4]**. The deputies told them to get down in the back seat and retrieved Witness [redacted] from the other vehicle, and placed him

into the radio car. The deputies discussed the shots had come from the "second house" on East Lucien Street. Witness [redacted] thought the shot had been deliberately fired at the deputy who searched the car. Witness [redacted] said if the bullet had not hit the tree, it would have struck the deputy **[Witness [redacted] homicide transcript, page 3]**.

Witness [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] arrived home at [redacted] in the city of Compton. She spoke to a mechanic who worked on a vehicle at her property. As she spoke to the mechanic, her [redacted] Witness [redacted] exited the vehicle and went into the house. The mechanic told her that her [redacted] was armed with a pistol. Witness [redacted] told her that during her brief time in the house, she saw the suspect armed with a handgun.

Witness [redacted] placed her vehicle in reverse, backed away from the house, and approached deputy personnel. She told them she lived at the location and her [redacted] was in the house. When deputy personnel found out she lived at the incident location, they advised her to stay with them.

Witness [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] arrived home with Witness [redacted] at approximately 3:00 PM. She went inside the house to drop off her belongings and saw the suspect inside the house without a shirt, as he walked around with a rifle in his hands that was pointed at the ground. The suspect asked her if the police were outside. She replied, "Yes."

She went outside to close the gate, with the intention of go back inside the house and protect her brother, whom she suspected was the person wanted by the police. As she got to the gate, her [redacted] Witness [redacted] told her to get back into the car. They reversed the car back to where police were staged. Shortly thereafter, they were transported to the command post at the park to speak with more Department personnel. She stated she knew her [redacted] had mental problems, but he appeared stable and not under the influence of narcotics during her brief contact with him that day.

Witness [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] received a phone call from his [redacted] Witness [redacted] who told him, their street was blocked off by police and she could not get to the house. He called his [redacted] Suspect Cendejas, and asked him what happened at the house. The suspect told his [redacted] that a year prior he was robbed and beaten by some "black guys" in the neighborhood. The suspect said he saw those same guys come around the house earlier, and the suspect shot a firearm in the air to scare them away. The suspect hung up the phone. Witness [redacted] called his [redacted] Witness [redacted] to tell the suspect to surrender to police. He was unable to call his [redacted] again. He did not learn the suspect was shot until he was interviewed by Homicide detectives.

Witness [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] received a phone call from the suspect's [redacted] Witness [redacted] who stated the suspect had fired a gun, and was barricaded in the house. She was told to call Suspect Cendejas to convince him to surrender to the police. She called the suspect and told him the police had surrounded the house, and to surrender. The suspect said he looked out the window but he did not see any police, so he did not believe her, and hung up the phone.

Witness [redacted] called the suspect again. The suspect stated he had climbed the fence onto East Shauer Street. The suspect told Witness [redacted] he did not want to go back to prison, because he had just been released a month prior.

Witness [redacted] was aware the suspect possessed a firearm. A week prior to the shooting, she went to the house to drop off his medication. The suspect showed her he was armed with small handgun in his waistband, and stated he needed it for protection **[Witness [redacted] homicide transcript, pages 7-8]**.

[redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] a resident of [redacted] East Shauer Street, was inside of her house with her [redacted] Witness [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] She heard a helicopter overhead, which told people to go in their house. She heard the helicopter personnel call out for "Ricardo" to "come out with your hands up" **[Witness [redacted] homicide transcript, page 8]**. She sat in her bedroom with the window slightly opened, and the blinds closed.

After approximately a half an hour of hearing police activity around her house, she heard the suspect's voice as he stood outside at her bedroom window. The suspect asked her to let him inside. She did not recognize the suspect's voice, and told him to "get the hell out" **[Witness [redacted] homicide transcript, page 4]**. The suspect told her not to tell the cops. As she exited the house, she saw deputies near her house, who told her to go back inside.

She went back inside and waited with her family. After several minutes, she heard two to four shots. She looked out the living room window and saw deputies opened the chain link gate as they approached the suspect. Witness [redacted] never heard any commands given by deputies. She and her family remained in the house and out of view from the suspect's location. Witness [redacted] saw the suspect after she was allowed out of her house, and the suspect was being placed into the ambulance.

Witness [redacted]

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Chaffey Shepard and Detective Jonas Shipe.

On November 2, 2017, Witness [redacted] was inside his house with family members. He heard the helicopter as it circled overhead as it made announcements for residents to stay inside their houses. He did not pay much attention to the announcements. At the time, the front door of the house was opened, and the screen door was closed but opened slightly. While in the living room with his [redacted] and [redacted] he heard two loud gun shots. He never heard any commands or communication between the deputies and the suspect prior to the shooting. He never saw the suspect on the day of the incident, and did not realize the suspect was his neighbor until he was being placed into the ambulance.